

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION:

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 4, 6, 7 and 8 have been amended. No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 4, 6, 7, and 8 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

INTERVIEW:

On March 27, 2007, an in-person interview was held with Examiner Aaron Strange and Applicants' attorney Darleen J. Stockley, wherein background was generally discussed and amendments to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112 rejections were discussed. Applicants thank the Examiner for his time and consideration.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112:

A. In the Office Action, at page 2, numbered paragraphs 2-3, claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. This rejection is traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Claim 1 has been amended for clarification. That is, "A relaying apparatus..." has been amended to recite "A system." Further, the terminology "selecting unit ..., a storing unit..., wherein..." has been labeled "a relaying apparatus, comprising:".

Hence, amended claim 1 is now submitted to be clear and to comply with the written description requirement under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

B. In the Office Action, at pages 3-4, numbered paragraphs 5-9, claims 1, 4, 6,7 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. This rejection is traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Claims 4, 6, 7 and 8 have been amended in similar fashion to the amendment of claim 1 (see above).

Hence, claims 1, 4, 6, 7 and 8 are submitted to be clear under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

CONCLUSION:

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot, and further, that all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. Thus, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss resolution of such issues.

If there are any underpayments or overpayments of fees associated with the filing of this Amendment, please charge and/or credit the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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